

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

Archdiocese of Sydney Est. 1946

11 April 2021 – Divine Mercy Sunday - Year B



MISSION STATEMENT

We are a believing community in the Catholic Tradition, whose heart is Jesus Christ, celebrated in the Eucharist. Our catholicity is lived through the diverse nature of our community which is open and welcoming to all. Daily we are open to the Holy Spirit who speaks to us through the Gospel, enabling us to experience personal and social transformation.

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Administrator: Rev Fr Bob Bossini

Assistant Priest: Rev Fr William Chow

Assistant Priest: Rev Fr Andrew Fu

Parish Office: 2 Weston Street
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Presbytery: 18 Vine St. Fairfield 2165

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Phone: (02) 9724 5997

Emergency Phone: 0412 206 225

Office Hours:

Monday: 1pm - 4pm

Tuesday to Friday: 10am - 12pm, 1 - 4pm

Parish Website: www.olrfairfield.org.au

Catechist Coordinator

Heather Watt: Contact Parish Office

SATURDAY: 8:30am

SUNDAY MASS

in English (Vigil): 6:00pm (Sat)

in Polish: 7:30am

in English: 9:00am, 10:30am

in Vietnamese: 4:30pm

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday - Friday: 9:30am

Monday, Tuesday: 7pm

Novena Mass: 1st Wednesday of the Month 6:30pm

Novena Prayer: Wednesday 6:30pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Holy Hour: Vietnamese Community 6pm 1st Friday of the Month

 Like our Parish Facebook page *Our Lady of the Rosary Fairfield Parish*

SACRAMENTS DURING THE PANDEMIC

Confession

Saturday 5:00pm-5:30pm, Before/After Mass or by appointment.

Baptism

Contact the Parish Office to make an appointment. A Baptism preparation class is required prior to Baptism. Baptism Enrolment form need to be submitted to the Parish Office.

Marriage

By appointment – six months notice required and undergo Marriage Preparation Course. Check with Parish Secretary for more information

Anointing of the Sick

Please check the Parish Bulletin for future dates for the administration of this Sacrament during Mass. Outside Mass times, requests to be anointed can take place after any Mass or by appointment.

SCHOOLS

OLR Primary School

20 Vine Street, Fairfield Tel: (02) 9727 9064

Principal: Jackie Vella

info@olrfairfield.catholic.edu.au

Patrician Brothers' College

Boys Year 7–12 Tel: (02) 9728 4488

Principal: Mr. Peter Wade info@pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au

Monastery: (02) 97241247

Mary Mackillop Catholic College

Girls Year 7–12 Tel: (02) 9725 4322 Principal: Ms. Gilda Pussich

info@mmcwakeley.catholic.edu.au

SCECS Outside School Hours Care

Ph: (02) 9568 8218 Website: www.scecs.nsw.edu.au

Mary Mackillop Hall 20 Vine Street, Fairfield NSW 2165

A Message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or

safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

This Parish pays respect to the Cadigal People of the Eora Nation, the traditional custodians of this land.

Second Sunday of Easter - B

Entrance Antiphon 1 Pt 2:2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.

Second Reading 1 Jn 5:1-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Jn 20:27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

We Remember and Pray for:

Recently Deceased: Antony Lim Cheng Hau and Patrick Colagiuri, Mai jia Li, Graziella Nina D'Amico, Margaret Pizutto

Anniversary of Death: Eleonita Nicola liberatore, Douglas Edwards, Fortunata Butacan, Concetto Annunziata D'Amico, Maria Luisa Cubela, Gianni D'amico, Domenica Cagliostro, Maria Fiore, Giuseppe Petrella, Calina Benmitez Zelazny, Mariano Mapagu, Antonio Kenk, Marivic Mapagu, Domenica Zimbalarti, Vincenzo Cagliostro, Graziella & Nina D'Amico

In Loving Memory of: Graziella nina D'Amico, Vincenzo Cagliostro, Domenico Mouszomo, Gianni D'Amico Suora Concezione D'Amico, Jeanette Rebello, Edgar Rebello, Dennis D'Souza, Bella Bapisla, Martha Rebello, Charles Rebello, Rose D'souza, Philip D'Souza, Maria & Nikola Shamo, Vincenza Cagliostro, Rosemary Van Reyk, Karmenu & Vincenza Ciantar, Charlie Camilleri, Harold Aviet, Joseph & Carmen Camilleri, Giacomo, Raffaele Uglietta, Albertin & Joseph Jabroo, Domenico Marzano, Concetto Annunziata D'Amico, Guiseppa Gagliano, Sr. Concenzione D'amico, Giuseppe D'Amico,

Sick: Luke Sloan, Annette Herft, Mathew (Faiz) Hanna, Carmel Windred, Marija Barclay

Special Intention: Ludwig Family, Baby Grace, All Lost Souls in East Timor Flood Disaster Dili at Easter.

Dear Friends,

We have just concluded the Octave of Easter, a time when we have reflected on the Resurrection of Jesus as told by the four Evangelists. We have heard of the fear, anxiety, agitation and uncertainty that greeted those first disciples when they encountered the empty tomb. At first they believed that robbers had come during the night and taken his body – a last and ignominious element added to an already frightful and horrific death. Gradually the Risen Jesus comes into their lives, challenging them to rise above their fears and move into the world as his witnesses. This asked of them to be imbued with the Spirit of the Risen Christ, and we hear of the exploits of the disciples in the Acts of Apostles, which forms the basis of the First Reading from Easter Sunday till Pentecost.

In these six Sundays of Easter, I would like to take as the basis of my weekly reflections the material presented to us in the Second Reading. These readings are from the First Letter of St John. They form the basis of not only Christian living but also of what it means to continue to live in the light of the Risen Lord. They speak of our being children of God; of the depth of love that God has for us in sending us his Son Jesus; of our response in faith and love towards others; of our realisation of the great love that God has always for us, and that faith becomes the basis of this fundamental 'love response' of the Christian.

This First Letter of John's, does not comprise of the normal format of the New Testament letters, especially those written by Paul and his disciples. There is no formal introduction and no regular signing off by the author. To appreciate this letter we need to know something of the world in which it was written. This Letter was believed to have been written in Ephesus around 100 AD. The Christian community was composed at time of second and third generation Christians, who had become very staid and formal in their religious practices. Christianity and the living out of its obligations had become a matter of habit to this community. The various standards set by Christianity were becoming a burden to these people, and as a community they were becoming tired of making the effort to keep living out the demands of the Gospel. It was community that was not experiencing persecution from outside its 'borders', but rather one that was open to seduction from within. These were a group of people who wished to improve the Christian faith – who wanted to make Christianity intellectually respectable. Christianity, according to these people had to come to terms with, and adapt to, the current secular philosophy and contemporary thought. In many ways, the description of this Christian community echoes much of today's Christian thought. It sounds something like the danger of 'relativism' that Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI warned against – Christianity that adapted to the latest trends, thoughts and philosophies.

In today's Second Reading [1 John 5:1-6], the author states that our being from God allows us to have faith in Jesus Christ. He states that the basis of our lives needs to be following what God has asked of us: to be faithful to God's commandments. Our obedience to God's ways shows the depth of our love for God. For the author it was important that the believer was not 'of the world', that is that one's life was guided by God and not by the Antichrist, elements that take us away from God. Our ability in 'overcoming' the world is our faith in Jesus as the Son of God. In this passage, John sets the tone for the remaining Sundays of Easter, when he expands on the meaning of our being begotten by God: our being God's children and the level of faith and love that this calls us to.

**Fr Robert Bossini,
Parish Administrator**



Renewal

Session 2

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

by Fr Bob Bossini

An opportunity for parishoners to grow in their faith through human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral foundations.

28th April 2021

Wednesday, 7-8pm

Location: Parish Hall



TEACHER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2021 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

*First Holy Communion - May/June
Confirmation - Aug/Sept*

This volunteering position will involve teaching a small group of children w/ parents as they prepare for their first holy communion and/or confirmation



WELLNESS

Come and join us for a cuppa, some light refreshments and conversation!

FREE MORNING TEA

- What is **Wellness**?
- How do we get it?
- What is the relationship between wellness and illness?

Understanding the wellness formula will give you the tools to manage and take charge of your own health and wellbeing.



DETAILS:
23TH APRIL, FRIDAY | 10:15AM
LOCATION: PARISH HALL
2 WESTON ST, FAIRFIELD

RSVP eventsolrfairfield.org.au
OR 0491 602 332

Speaker: Juliette Kirkwood
Community Care Worker



WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO...



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY FAIRFIELD

YOUTH YRS 7-12

TRIVIA NIGHT

SATURDAY APRIL 24, 2021 • 7:00 PM
OLR PARISH HALL // 2 WESTON STREET FAIRFIELD
FOOD AND DRINKS PROVIDED

RSVP VIA QR CODE



If you have any questions, please contact **KATELYN:**
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'RISEN' ACCOMPLISHES SOMETHING QUITE REMARKABLE: IT TELLS THE FAMILIAR, TIMELESS STORY OF JESUS' DEATH AND RESURRECTION FROM A FRESH VANTAGE POINT

MOVIE NIGHT

30TH APRIL
FRIDAY, 6:30PM
PARISH HALL

(FOOD AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED)

RSVP KATHRYN AT 0491-602-332
EVENTS@OLRFAIRFIELD.ORG.AU

BOOK NOW! 😊



Our Lady of the Rosary



Our Lady of the Rosary invites you to celebrate Mother's Day with us!

9th May, SUNDAY
10:15am-11:30am



Mother's Day Morning Tea

Refreshments will be provided



WHERE: PARISH HALL
2 WESTON ST, FAIRFIELD

THERE WILL BE SPECIAL PERFORMANCES FOR OUR MUMS!

SIGNUP REQUIRED:
Donations is \$10 Cash OR via bank transfer. Please call in the office for details (02 9724 5997)

RSVP BY THE 29TH APRIL TO REGISTER, CONTACT **KATHRYN:**
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